

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -  
2008**

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**LB1058**

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**Hearing Date:** February 04, 2008

**Committee On:** General Affairs

**Introducer(s):** (McDonald)

**Title:** Change fund distribution and use provisions for state lottery funds for problem gambling

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Placed on General File with Amendments

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**Vote Results:**

8 Yes	Senators Dierks, Dubas, Erdman, Friend, Janssen, Karpisek, McDonald, Preister
0 No	
0 Absent	
0 Present, not voting	

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**Proponents:**

Sen. Vickie McDonald  
Sherrie Geier  
Charles Spence  
Don Warren  
Mark Brohman  
Dr. Dennis McNeilly

**Representing:**

Introducer  
GAP Advisory Committee  
Spence Counseling  
GAP Advisory Committee  
Nebraska Environmental Trust  
GAP Advisory Committe

**Opponents:**

Dr. Scot Adams

**Representing:**

Nebraska Health and Human Services

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or change:**

LB 1058 would extend the current distribution of lottery proceeds until July 1, 2012, and revise provisions of the Gamblers' Assistance Program.

The purpose of the first section is to push back a sunset date to keep the current lottery payment structure in place and to ensure that the dollar amount transferred to beneficiary funds will not be less than the amount transferred in fiscal year 2002-03. The purpose of the remaining sections is to strengthen the duties of the State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction Services to reflect the Legislature's intent that the committee provide leadership and direction for the program, and not act as an advisory committee only.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The adopted committee amendment replaces the bill. AM1866 removes the first section and assigns the State Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction Services a number of duties related to the management of the Gamblers' Assistance Program and the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund. AM1866 proposes the following sections:

**Section 1** amends §71-816, relating to the State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction Services, by (1) adding intent language; (2) changing the name of the committee, authorizing the appointment of officers and stating meeting requirements; (3) requiring the committee to develop and recommend guidelines and standards for the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund; (4) listing the specific topics on which the committee is to develop recommendations; (5) requiring the division to adopt guidelines and standards for the program based on the recommendations of the committee; and (6) requiring the submission of an annual report to the Legislature and Governor.

**Section 2** amends §71-817, relating to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund, by removing the word "advisory" from the committee's name.

**Section 3** repeals the original sections.

**Section 4** contains an emergency clause.

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Senator Vickie McDonald, Chairperson